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below the water-line to the *Pallada*, *Diana*, *Akhol*, and *Nocit*, with a loss of nine men killed. Below this telegram, again, is the following "official now" from S. Petersburg:

"The cowardly and treacherous attack of the Japanese before the declaration of war has not had the success announced by the Japanese. All the vessels indicated are afloat with their engines and armament intact, of which the Japanese might have pursued themselves by the effect of the shells from these vessels." Further

L'Echo learns that three Japanese warships were very seriously damaged during the second attack at Port Arthur, the *Yashima*, *Asama*, and *Naniva*. The general trend of these contradictory reports is to make out that the Japanese, to use a popular expression, took little change out of Port Arthur. If this were really so, it would indeed be surprising that the Russian fleet seems to have been helplessly prisoner in Port Arthur harbour since the night of the 8th instant. We do not claim that all the news which we have received from the North is to be accepted as the plain statement of the facts of the war so far, though it agrees fairly with the general account of things in the Shanghai papers. We must admit that we have the Japanese and pro-Japanese version; while *L'Echo de Chine* has the pro-Russian account. And this bring us back to our original point, that telegrams tend to be curiously, though naturally, biased by the sympathies of the senders. No correspondent, or no reputable correspondent at least, acts out deliberately to misrepresent the facts; but he cannot help being influenced by his sympathies to such an extent as to make him not quite the equivalent of the truthful witness on oath. Further proof of this will no doubt be forthcoming when we get the written accounts of the actual spectators of the Port Arthur engagements. Those correspondents who were fortunate enough to have been in Port Arthur on the 8th instant and subsequent days will have a lot to say about the attacks on the Russian fleet, and most interesting reading-matter should be forthcoming. But we cannot expect that there will not be considerable divergences, as in the brief telegraphic accounts which we have already received. Such effects of sympathy with one or other of the combatants are impossible to avoid. In official despatches facts may be purposely suppressed or exaggerated. A veracious writer may produce the same result by mere human error. Impartiality is very difficult of attainment.

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The A.D.C.'s second performance of *His Excellency* came off duly last night at the Theatre Royal.

Mr. Jack London's adventure at Shimoneoki has ended happily. The war correspondent repurchased for 10 yen the camera which got him into trouble with the authorities, and sailed for Korea on Saturday.

The great majority of the German newspapers, according to Berlin telegram, are observing strict neutrality in regard to the Russo-Japanese war. The Radical Press is taking Japan's part. The leading Roman Catholic paper, the *Katholische Volkszeitung*, uses the strongest terms against Russia. Other papers express great admiration for the smartness with which Japan has made her first attack.

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TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

THE WAR.

ANOTHER JAPANESE TORPEDO ATTACK AT PORT ARTHUR.

KOBE, 17th Feb., 4.30 p.m.

Admiral Toyo, commander-in-chief of the Japanese Fleet, has reported to headquarters that his torpedo fleet on Sunday night, the 14th inst., advanced to make another attack on the Russian ships at Port Arthur. They were fired upon from the forts.

The *Asagiri*, however, discharged a torpedo against a Russian ship, but owing to the darkness the effect was not ascertained.

JAPANESE WARSHIP TO THE SOUTH.

SINGAPORE, 18th Feb., 1.35 p.m.

The barque *Woosung*, just arrived from Shanghai, reports having seen a large Japanese warship four days' journey from here going in an eastward direction.

VIOLENCE TO BRITISH AND GERMANS.

SHANGHAI, 18th February, 10.28 p.m.

The Russians at Port Arthur have fired on the British steamer *Haiping* and *Ching-ping* and have seriously damaged the German *Pronto*. They afterwards detained the *Haiping* at Dalny for 4 days, not needing the captain's repeated protests.

ILLEGAL RUSSIAN ACTION AT NEWCHWANG.

LONDON, 18th February, 11.45 a.m.

The Russians are detaining British and American ships at Newchwang.

CONVICTS TO FIGHT FOR RUSSIA.

LONDON, 18th February, 11.45 a.m.

230 convicts have been enrolled by the Russians in Sakhalin.

GENERAL NEWS.

CHINESE LABOUR QUESTION FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

LONDON, 18th February, 11.45 a.m.

An amendment to the Transvaal Labour Bill has been defeated by 281 to 230.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

THE WAR.—CHINA'S NEUTRALITY.

LONDON, 15th February.

France has accepted Mr. Hay's Note regarding the neutrality of China, and Great Britain has agreed in principle. It is expected that Russia will also concur.

An official Japanese Note published in Paris says Japan has advised China to remain neutral with a view to reducing the evils of war to a minimum, although she was well aware of the advantages to be derived from an alliance with China. She now urges China to take effective measures to protect strategic points and to prevent belligerents from violating Chinese neutrality, from making Chinese ports bases of operations, or from their being used as places of refuge.

ATTEMPTS ON THE MANCHURIAN LINE.

LONDON, 15th February.

Admiral Alexioff admits that attempts have been made to wreck the Manchurian railway and to blow up the bridge at Sungari. He says these attempts were noticed in time, and the line is now closely guarded.

THE DALLAS COMPANY.

The German mail steamer *Zoon* brought with her from Singapore yesterday the members of Mr. Henry Dallas's Musical Comedy Company, who are to open a two weeks' season at the Theatre Royal on Monday next. The first piece presented will be *A Chinese Honeymoon*, which is new to Hongkong. Mr. Dallas himself is not accompanying the tourists on the present occasion, the leading comedian's parts being played by Mr. Percival Knight, who made such a hit when the Company was here last. Mr. Knight is supported by Messrs. Munro and Bitter Riley, both favourably known in Hongkong, as well as by some strong new talent. The ladies are nearly all new to Hongkong.

THE WAR.

LOCAL INFORMATION.—SENSATIONAL DETAILS.

The Manager of the Hongkong branch of the Yokohama Specie Bank informed us yesterday morning that he had received a telegram from the Bank's head office at Yokohama, dated 17th February, 2 p.m., to the following effect:—

"On the 14th inst., at dawn, our torpedo flotilla badly damaged the Russian fleet in the outer roads of Port Arthur."

Later in the day we received from the Japanese Consul the two following telegrams:—

"Tokyo, 17th February, 4.50 p.m.—On the 13th inst., during a heavy gale and driving snow our destroyer flotilla was despatched against Port Arthur. On the 14th at 3 a.m. the destroyer *Asagiri*, notwithstanding violent fire from the Russian ships, succeeded in approaching one of their men-of-war and torpedoed her. With the aid of her own guns she drove back the Russian torpedo boats sent to attack her and got away in safety. At 5 a.m. on the same day, the destroyer *Hayatori* crept up to the entrance of the port, was met by a violent fire from two Russian vessels, one of which she torpedoed, and after seeing the explosion take place under that ship, she withdrew in safety."

[The *Asagiri* and *Hayatori* mentioned above are both 31-knot boats only just turned out by the Japanese themselves at Yokosuka. They have two torpedo-tubes each and carry one 12-pdr and five 6-pdr guns. Their displacement is 320 tons and their i.h.p. 6,000.—ED. D.P.]

"Tokyo, 17th February, 9.25 p.m.—Japanese refugees coming to Chefoo from Port Arthur by the British steamer *Wenchow* give the following information:—On the night of the 17th inst. the Russian authorities in Port Arthur informed the Japanese residents that they were preparing to leave that they would not be allowed to embark on the British steamer *Rasier*, and at midnight they were served with notices forbidding them to leave the port, this by order of Admiral Alexioff. Numerous others who were already on board the *Wenchow*, ready to leave for Chefoo, were placed under the guard of 8 Russian soldiers. They were not allowed to land, and the steamer was forbidden to leave by the Russian authorities. More than two hundred Japanese had taken refuge on board this boat, and they were practically starving. Application was made, on several occasions, to Admiral Alexioff to allow these unfortunate to procure food. At last, on the night of the 10th inst., 10 bags of rice and half a dozen biscuits (2 each) were allowed to be taken on board. On the 11th, as there was no more drinking water on board, a signal was hoisted asking for some to be sent, but no answer was received to this request. On the 13th, the suffering passengers, having been nearly 48 hours without water, sent an appeal to the authorities, requesting that food and water should at least be sent out for the children and pregnant woman who were on board. On the same day 103 Japanese arrived from Harbin, having been robbed of all their money and baggage on their way down. More than 300 refugees were now on board the *Wenchow*, all in the most pitiable condition, starving and without water. On the 14th at 4 p.m. the ship was allowed to proceed, and she arrived in Chefoo on the morning of the 15th. The passengers state that a complete state of confusion and anarchy exists at Port Arthur. The city is overrun by thieves and the Russian soldiers are themselves plundering the houses and shops; their own countrymen being among the victims. The Russian civilians are arming themselves to protect their property against the soldiery."

The Russian cruiser *Mandjou* was still lying under steam at the Chinese Eastern Railway Co.'s Wharf, Shanghai, on the 13th inst. We learn from enquiry on board the *Empress of Japan* that her guns were being landed when the C.P.E. boat left, and that she was rapidly being reduced to the guise of a merchant vessel. There was a Japanese cruiser on the lookout for her, however, not far from Shanghai.

NEWS FROM THE NORTH.

The following items are from the *Shanghai Mercury*:—

The British steamer *Foxton Hall* was abandoned at Port Arthur. The master and crew are at Chefoo. The fourth engineer was wounded during the bombardment, but is recovering.

The C. M. Co.'s str. *Poochi* reported having sighted two Japanese war-vessels about 1 a.m. on the 13th inst. in the vicinity of Ktuan Liship, about 35 miles from Shanghai.

The Japanese Consul-General received the following official telegram:—Japanese Consul at Seoul reports that on the 12th Feb., Russian Minister and residents together with legation guards left Seoul by special train for Chemulpo. The road to the station was guarded by Japanese police and gendarmes, while the railway station was guarded by our troops. The Minister was also protected by the Japanese gendarmes in the train, General

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MEN OF THE HOUR.

MARQUIS ITO.

The final tie for the Polo Cup presented by H.E. Mr. F. H. May was played off at the Polo ground, Causeway Bay, yesterday afternoon. The contest was between a Civilian team, the winners of the previous match, and the Polo Club. Two seven-minute halves, or a fourteen-minute game in all, were played. Included in the spectators were a number of ladies. H. E. General Villiers-Hatton, and a number of other well-known residents. The band of the 114th Malakrata was in attendance, rendering some excellent music under the direction of a native bandmaster. The ground, though watered previous to the game, was a bit too powdery, clouds of dust rising about the ponies' feet. H.E. Mr. May, Mr. J. Johnstone, Mr. Hastings, and Mr. C. H. Ross comprised the Civilian team, while the Club was represented by Mr. Knox, R.N., Capt. Nugent, Mr. Gedge, and Capt. Light. Capt. Simpson and Major Strickland, I.M.S., acted as umpires. From the throw in Capt. Nugent took the ball along, but, when well under way, the head of his mallet came off, necessitating his retirement for another weapon. Mr. Hastings lost no time in getting off with the ball, but Capt. Light prevented his scoring. Mr. Johnstone, however, quickly rode up and scored a goal. The Civilians again got away with the ball and H.E. Mr. May scored a goal. Mr. May, it might be remarked, played an excellent game, keeping the Club backs back, and as to the way he was supported is shown by the splendid victory ultimately scored by his side. From the throw in Mr. May drove the ball along some distance, but finally over-rode, and Capt. Nugent got away. Mr. May recovered the ball, and he and Mr. Ross had it between them for some time. Mr. Hastings had a good run, but over-rode and, as no one had followed him up, an adversary sent it to touch. There was next a good race between Mr. May and Capt. Light, the latter finally securing possession. Mr. Hastings had a shot goal, hit a pony, followed up and scored a subsidiary. Mr. Ross made a bid for scoring, but Mr. Gedge gained possession and ground likewise. Mr. Hastings again took the ball, but Capt. Light managed to send it into touch. Mr. Ross followed on and, though at first prevented from scoring by Capt. Light, eventually added a goal. Just before half time Mr. Hastings scored another subsidiary, the total then being 3 goals and 2 subs, for the Civilians to nil. After the re-start Mr. Johnstone missed and Capt. Nugent secured the ball. Mr. Hastings, however, sent it into touch. Capt. Light, Mr. Gedge and Capt. Nugent took the ball down the field, but Mr. Johnstone, riding close up, by a smart back-hander managed to secure a good lead in the opposite direction, and bring it back; Mr. Hastings scored a goal. Another goal for the Civilians was shortly afterwards scored by Mr. Johnstone. The same player next scored a good subsidiary, in spite of Mr. Nugent's and Capt. Light's efforts to save. Another goal was made by Mr. Ross. Mr. Knox drove the ball down the field, finally making a sub, the first scoring for the Club. Mr. Hastings put on another goal for the Civilians, easy winners of H.E. Mr. F. H. May's cup. It was 7 goals, 4 subs. (Civilian) to 1 sub. (Club).

ADMIRABLE ACT OF HUMANITY.

At about 7 p.m. on Monday the 15th inst., Keong Leung returned on board his rowing boat, No. 3,735, from making some purchases in the market. As he stepped on board on one side he saw his grand-daughter, a little child of 4 years, lying on her back under the water, which was only a couple of feet deep. The man had left the child alone on the boat, and no doubt she had fallen over-board while playing. He got the child on board, and then his wife came, and as it appeared that the child was dead they prepared the funeral obsequies. Dressing the little body in best clothing they laid it on the deck of the boat and surrounded it with lighted candles and joss-sticks, and began to cry and wail for their lost little one. Their cries attracted the attention of Police-Sergeant Kerr, who went on board the boat to enquire into the cause of the trouble. On seeing the child Sergeant Kerr at once was seized with a doubt as to the child's being dead, notwithstanding that she was cold and apparently lifeless, and must have been in the water about 10 minutes. He therefore took the body up to his quarters, laid it before the fire and exercised the first aid principles in the resuscitation of drowned persons, and tried artificial respiration. The sergeant worked for one hour and a half, when at last his efforts were crowned with success, for he found life was returning, and the little body growing warmer. He then wrapped it in blankets, and put a few drops of brandy between its lips, and continued the rubbing. After little while he gave it a little more brandy, when the child slowly raised an arm and pushed away the glass, and then said a few words in Chinese which the bystanders could not catch. By this time the body was quite recovered, and apparently none the worse for the dip in the muddy waters of the harbour. The sergeant wished them to send the revived child to the hospital in case of complications, but the grand-parents would not hear of parting from their recovered baby. Sergeant Kerr deserves the highest commendation for his patience and humanity in working so hard to restore life in an apparently dead child, who otherwise would undoubtedly have perished in the hands of her ignorant grand-parents.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:

On the 18th at 11.45a. The barometer has fallen upon the China Coast and risen slightly in the Philippines.

Gradients are rather steep on the China Coast and the entiacyclos still exists in the Yangtze valley. Strong monsoon will prevail in the Formosa Channel and the north part of the China Sea.

Forecast.—Strong NE. winds; fine.

THE WRECK OF THE "CLALLAM."

Farville Coast papers bring full details of the disaster by which 55 lives were lost in the Strait of S. Juan de Fuca on the 9th January, as our special telegram reported at the time. The *Clallam* left Port Townsend for Victoria on the afternoon of the 8th, facing a terrific south-west gale. Within sight of her destination a huge sea overwhelmed the little steamer, smashing her decklights, flooding her hold with water, extinguishing the fires beneath her boilers, and placing her at the mercy of a howling gale. The culmination of the tragedy was postponed for a number of agonising hours. Bravely officers and crew of the helpless bulk worked to save the boat and the eighty souls aboard her, but in vain. Staunch as she was, the *Clallam* could not stand the terrific onslaught of the sea that raced in mountain high from the ocean, and just before darkness began to fall it was resolved to make an attempt to save the passengers at least by the boats. Three boats were launched; the first contained only women and children, besides three deck hands and Captain Lawrence, and it was overwhelmed within 600 feet of the *Clallam*. The second boat rowed away into the darkness, losing passengers as the waves swept over her; the third was swamped in launching. The crew and a few passengers remained on board, bailing in gangs when the pumps failed. At length the tug *Richard Holycross*, one of six sent to the rescue from Port Townsend, hove in sight, a line was attached and some progress was made towards harbour. The hull of the *Clallam*, however, now began to give way, and at 12.30 o'clock she went on her beam ends and began sinking rapidly. At 1.07 o'clock she settled and the tow-lines were cut. A few minutes later she lurched and disappeared beneath the waves. Only her top works and floating wreckage remained to show that she had ever been. By heroic efforts the crews of the two tugs saved the lives of nearly all who had remained aboard the *Clallam*. A few were swept away and perished in the blackness of the storm, with none to hear their shouts and cries. The closing scene in this, the most terrible marine tragedy ever known in these waters, was eight miles north of Protection Island, only a short distance north of Port Townsend and approximately thirty miles from Victoria. The *Holycross* picked the *Clallam* up off Smith's Island. The survivors were brought to Seattle on the *Dirigo*. A sad story is told in connection with the launching of the third boat. Captain Roberts succeeded in filling her with the remaining women and children. It proved to be a fatal move. Just as the boat was leaving the water-logged steamer a man leaped to the rail of the vessel and with the remark, "By God, that boat don't leave without me," he leaped out through the air and fell downward toward the boat. Eye-witnesses stated that his foot struck a woman fall in the face. The force of the man's fall carried the boat far to leeward. A great wave, bearing death upon it, foaming crest, swept down upon it. The air was full of terrible cries of helpless women. Babies screamed in terror as they clung to their mother's breast. Strong men on board the *Clallam* turned their heads away. The boat sank before anyone had time to think of assistance, and the man who caused it all went down with her.

SHIPPING NOTES.

LOSS OF THE STEAMER "DEUTEROS." The s.s. *Deuteros* has become a total loss on the Paracels while on a voyage from Saigon to Hongkong. The crew were saved by the s.s. *Laertes*, and landed at Saigon yesterday morning.

This telegraphic information is kindly furnished by Messrs. Siemssen & Co., who received it by wire from Saigon yesterday. The *Deuteros* had a cargo of rice on board consigned to Mr. Kung Yuen of Hongkong. The *Deuteros* was an iron screw steamer of 1,001 tons net, flying the German flag. She was built for her present owners, the Flensburger Dampfschiffahrtsgesellschaft von 1889 at Flensburg in 1881.

A HEAVY CARGO.

The s.s. *Onaia* brought 3,000 tons of flour and 2,000 tons of lumber for Hongkong, and 2,000 tons of salmon transhipment from Tacoma.

JAVA SUGAR.

Over 3,000 tons of Java sugar for Hongkong arrived by the s.s. *Shantung*.

RICE.

About 2,000 tons of rice consigned to Messrs. Sander, Weiler & Co., arrived from Saigon by the s.s. *Petrarch*, and about 2,000 tons of rice, consigned to Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, arrived from Bangkok yesterday.

A B.I. STEAMER.

The British Ind. s.s. *Parma* arrived from Rangoon, via Singapore, yesterday, with 3,490 tons general cargo for Hongkong. Strong N.E. monsoon was experienced on her latter passage.

F. & O. INTERMEDIATE STEAMER.

The P. & O. s.s. *Palermo* arrived from Japan yesterday, having left Yokohama on the 24th inst., Shanghai 14th inst. Strong N.E. monsoon was experienced.

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The N.D.L. s.s. *Roan*, Captain G. Meiners, arrived from Europe yesterday. She left Bremerhaven on the 7th ult.; Singapore 13th inst.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The P.M. steamer *Chind* with mails &c, which left hence Jan. 20th for San Francisco via Shanghai, &c, arrived at her destination on the 14th inst.

The Indo-China steamer *Lai Ching* left Calcutta for this port via the Straits on the 13th inst., and may be expected here on the 1st prox.

The A.L. steamer *Giedra* left Shanghai for this port on the 16th inst.

The steamer *Gregory Apcar*, from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port yesterday morning.

POLICE COURT.

Thursday, 18th February.
BEFORE MR. H. H. J. GOMPERTZ
(ACTING POLICE MAGISTRATE).

A TOWER OF BABEL.
The captain of the *Somali* charged N. Garthick, engineer, and four others with refusal of duty on board the steamer, on various dates between leaving Port Said and arriving at Moji, Japan, on the 4th inst.

Mr. John Hayes, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, solicitors, appeared on behalf of the prosecution, the defendants being unrepresented.

Mrs. Oliver, proprietress of the Travellers' Hotel in Queen Street, acted as interpreter for the defendants, among whom were one Greek, one Turk, one Arab, and two East Indian Mahomedans, the lady being equally at home in all their languages as well as in English.

The Captain testified that on the 4th inst., while lying in Moji harbour, the first defendant came to him and asked him for some tobacco. Witness told him he had no tobacco, when the first defendant used very abusive and insulting language and threatened to assault witness. He was ordered below to attend to his duty.

Noah Cole, sworn, said he was second engineer of the *Somali*. On the 4th word was brought to him that the first defendant refused to "turn to." He went to the man, who was in the engine-room, and ordered him to get to work. The latter then came at him and dealt him three blows in the chest, exclaiming that he was a Greek and would not work for anybody. He then challenged witness to fight, and witness replied the master to the captain. All five defendants had given a great deal of trouble during nearly the whole voyage from Port Said to Japan, and would not keep up proper steam, continuously refusing duty. In Moji they were all logged.

The defendants all denied the charges, the East Indians stating that they would go to jail or cut their throats rather than go back on board the steamer where they were ill-treated. The first, second and fourth defendants said they had witnesses to prove they were ill-treated, and the case was remanded for a few hours to secure the attendance of those witnesses. On resuming the case at 4 p.m., Philipps Dier, a fireman on board the ship, sworn, said that the men were not insolent and did not refuse duty. He knew that the men wished to leave the ship as the captain refused to give them any money for clothes, tobacco, or any supplies, and when they asked for money the captain abused them, so they said they would not work, as they wanted to be paid off and look out for other work. The captain said he did not want the men on board again, as they were troublesome and useless, and the men said they did not wish to go back. Fined five days' pay and sent to 7 days' jail. The first defendant for the assault was sent to another 7 days' jail. His Worship remarked that these cases should not come up at these courts, but go to the Marine Court. Mr. Hayes pointed out that the summonses in this matter had been issued by Mr. T. Sercombe Smith.

FRANCE AND SIAM.

The Standard's Paris correspondent wrote last month:

M. Delcassé, replying in the Chamber to the severe criticisms of M. Etienne and other members of the Colonial Party on the Treaty he signed with the Siamese Minister, admitted that, since the signature of that document, on October 7, 1902, the Bangkok Government had not acted in the spirit of conciliation and goodwill which had actuated himself during the negotiations. It is needless to recapitulate all the incidents which were then detailed by the French Minister, but it is necessary to recall the fact that he did not ask the Chamber to ratify the Treaty, but declared frankly that it was requisite to take guarantees. Under these conditions it can be easily understood that the subsequent negotiations with Phya Suria for the amendment of the Treaty were of a delicate nature, especially for the Siamese Minister. M. Delcassé made demands, but had nothing to offer as compensation. Up to the very last moment of the period of respite for the ratification of the Treaty of 1902, it was feared that it would be impossible to come to an arrangement, but Phya Suria was conscious of the disadvantages which a mere continuation of the relations established by the Treaty of Peace, in 1893, offered to his country. Having accepted the French proposals subject to the approval of his Government, he signed the arrangement for extending the term for the ratification of the Treaty of 1902 till February 15 next.

That Protocol, though simple, is eloquent. It is as follows:—"The Siamese Minister, having accepted the bases of a supplementary accord, as presented by the Government of the Republic, the Convention of the 7th October, 1902, is prorogued to the 15th February, 1904." For the sake of friendly relations between his country and France, Phya Suria made political, territorial, and trade concessions so numerous that it is doubtful whether it will be possible to embody them in Supplementary Clauses to the Treaty, to which they are, in certain cases, contradictory. It is, therefore, probable that in the event of the Bangkok Government sanctioning the concessions made by its Minister, a new Treaty will be substituted.

The trade concessions relate to the construction of railways in the Mekong Valley. In addition to the territorial advantages stipulated for France in the 1902 Convention, the new Treaty will, I am assured, satisfy the demands of the Republic with regard to Luang Prabang. The situation of that little kingdom, as established by the Treaty of Peace, was, it must be admitted, very anomalous. The capital and a portion of that State were on the left bank of the Mekong, and consequently under the protection of France, while the very considerable portion on the right bank of the river remained under the Siamese Government. The King was, at the same time, the vassal both of the French Republic and of Siam. The French contended, with much show of reason, that it was difficult, if not impossible, for that petty monarch to serve two masters. The Siamese yielded on this point without any serious opposition, but the question as to the persons over whom France has a right to extend her protection gave rise to prolonged discussions. Phya Suria was able to give way because, after all, the Treaty which is destined to replace that of 1902 will embody the

newer moves of the great Berlin Banking Corporations and import enough by themselves to be chronicled; of still greater effect is, however, their psychological influence upon the German traders, who are thereby encouraged to share the hope that the improvement of the economic condition of the country, of which many symptoms have shown themselves in 1903, will be of a lasting character and soon prepare the soil for a new period of commercial prosperity.

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If the weather is unfavourable on either of the above dates, practice will take place on the 1st proximo.

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By Command,

A. M. THOMSON,
Acting Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 18th February, 1904. [542]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

IN THE MATTER OF THE TIENSIN GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

and
IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE No. 25 of 1890 being an Ordinance to give further powers to Companies with respect to the alteration of their Memorandum of Association.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 5th day of February, 1904, presented to the Supreme Court of Hongkong by the above named Company to confirm a special resolution unanimously passed at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the said Company held on the 16th day of December, 1903, and subsequently unanimously confirmed at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the said Company held on the 31st day of December, 1903, and which resolution runs as follows:—

(1) That clause 3 of the Memorandum of Association be altered by substituting for sub-clause (a) the following sub-clause, namely:—

(a) To manufacture sell and supply any kind of illuminant in the Foreign Concessions and Settlements in Tientsin, Tientsin native city, Peking, Tongku, Taku, Tongshan, Peitaiho, Chingtao, Shantung and any other city town or place between or in the neighbourhood of any of the said places or elsewhere in North China and to carry on the business of a Gas or Oil or Electric Light works in all their branches and to manufacture or generate gas or electricity or any other illuminant.

And by inserting after sub-clause (f) three new sub clauses to be lettered (g), (h) and (i), as follows:—

(g) To carry on in all or any of the places aforesaid the business of an electric light Company in all its branches and in particular to construct lay down establish and carry out all necessary cables, wires, lines, transformers, accumulators and any other electric gear lamps and works and to generate accumulate distribute and supply electricity and to light the towns streets docks waterways markets theatres buildings and places both public and private in the Foreign Concessions in Tientsin and to elsewhere in North China.

(h) To carry on the business of electricians, mechanical engineers, suppliers of electricity for the purposes of light heat motive power traction or otherwise and manufacturers of and dealers in all apparatus and things required for or capable of being used in connection with the generation distribution supply accumulation and employment of electricity.

(i) To carry on the business of lighting of every description whether by gas, electricity or other illuminant in all their respective branches and to manufacture manipulate and use all chemicals capable of being used alone or in conjunction with other chemicals or elements for the purpose of producing any illuminating power or effect which the Company may consider convenient or necessary.

(2) That the remaining sub clauses with the exception of those now lettered (g) and (h) be deleted for reference accordingly.

(3) That sub clauses (e) and (f) be struck out, the same being unnecessary for the purposes of the Memorandum of Association.

(4) That the capital of the company be increased from Fifty Thousand Taels Tientsin Syce to Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Taels Tientsin Syce by the issue of two thousand shares of one hundred taels each such new shares to be issued upon such terms and conditions and with such rights and privileges annexed thereto as the Board shall determine and that clause 5 of the Memorandum of Association be altered accordingly by striking out the words "fifty thousand taels Tientsin syce" appearing in the first line thereof and the words "five hundred" appearing in the second line thereof and substituting therefore respectively the words "Two hundred and fifty thousand taels Tientsin Syce" and "two thousand five hundred."

(5) That the name of the Company be altered to "The Tientsin Gas and Electric Light Company, Limited," and that such alteration be embodied where necessary in the memorandum and Articles of Association.

AND NOTICE is further given that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Sir WILLIAM MEIGH GOODMAN, Chief Justice, on MONDAY, the 28th day of MARCH, 1904, at 10.30 A.M., and any person interested in the said Company who as creditors or otherwise desires to oppose the making of an order for the confirmation of the said resolution under the above Ordinance should appear at the time of hearing by himself or his Counsel for the purpose, and a copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undersigned the Company's Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

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Hongkong, 14th February, 1904. [533]

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S I E M S S E N & C O.,
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Illustrations of the masterly use of engineering principles by living structures were pointed out by a recent address in Philadelphia by Mr. Henry Leffmann. Numerous bones represent the hollow column, with its greatest strength for the least material; the articulation of the bones gives joints, which have lubricating membranes, and a tough intermediate structure in the case of the knee-joint. The elbow exhibits several forms of motion, with an apparent defect in the exposed position of the nerve-trunk—the "crazy bone"—where it is likely to receive a blow. Hydraulic engineering is demonstrated in the circulatory system, the heart being a pair of double pumps, with its system of chambers and valves, and an action very similar to that of the pistonless pump of the pulmonar. The large trunk artery, with its divisions and subdivisions, bears a close analogy to a large gas or water-main.

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Hongkong, 1st January, 1904. 1

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Feb. 17, IDOMENIUS, British str., 4,298, H.	Nish, Shanghai 11th Feb., General.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.	
Feb. 18, C. FERD. LAEISZ, German str., 3,739.	F. Sachs, Moji 13th February, General.
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.	
Feb. 18, ELISABETH RICKMERS, German str.	997, Th. Nohing, Bangkok 9th Feb., Rico and Teakwood, ARNOLD, KARDBOOGH & Co.
Feb. 18, HONG MOH, British str., 2,555, W.	Dawson, Singapore 11th Feb., General.
DAWSON, CHINESE.	
Feb. 18, KERMAN, British str., 4,862, Davies	Shanghai 15th Feb., General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
Feb. 18, PALERMO, British str., 4,908, E. G.	Andrews, Shanghai 14th Feb., General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
Feb. 18, PETERBURG, German str., 1,232, C.	Abrams, Saigon 13th Feb., RICO.—SANDEL, WIELER & CO.
Feb. 18, PUERNA, British str., 2,004, Packman,	Rangoon 6th Feb., and Singapore 10th, General.—JARDINE, MATHERSON & CO.
Feb. 18, RIOON, German str., 4,960, G. Meiners,	Feb. 18, ROON, German str., 4,960, G. Meiners, Esenhausen 7th Jan., and Singapore 13th Feb., Mails and General, MELCHERS & CO.
Feb. 18, TAIWAN, British str., 1,109, Harder,	Chinkiang 14th Feb., General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.	
18th February.	
Hongkong, French str., for Kwangchauwan.	

DEPARTURES.

18th February.	
FOYLE, British str., for Meiji.	
KWANGLEE, Chinese str., for Canton.	
MEFOO, Chinese str., for Canton.	
NANHAN, British str., for Koo.	
PALERMO, British str., for London.	
TAIWAN, British str., for Canton.	
WOOSUNG, British str., for Shanghai.	

VESSELS IN DOCK.

18th February.	
ABERDEEN DOCKS.—Indonesia, Jolani.	
KOWLOON DOCKS.—H. I. G. M. S. Morris,	
H.M.S. Glory, Ellen Rickmers, Sungkang, Lin	
Tan, Hoo, Kufong, Yenchen, Tion.	
COSMOPOLITAN DOCK.—Borneo.	

VESSELS PASSED ANJER.

Jan. 30, Buitjeh str., Wyner, Cowley, from Hongkong for Borneo.	
Jan. 30, Nov. 1st, Olivia, Christiansen, from Bangkok for Azores.	
Jan. 31, Dutch str., Amboin, Zeilinga, Dec. 24, from Amsterdam for Batavia.	
Feb. 2, British str., Islander, Wright, from Singapore for Christmas Island.	
Feb. 3, Dutch str., Deygaran, de Boer, Dec. 27, from Rotterdam for Batavia.	

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Hongkong, 2nd February, 1904.	
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.	

PAQUEBOTS—POSTE FRANCAISE.	
NOTICE.	

STRAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, ADEN, EGYPT, MARESSE, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX; ALSO PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVER PLATE.	
ON TUESDAY, the 23rd February, 1904, at 1 P.M., the Company's Steamship "YAKRA," Captain Sellef, with Mails, Passengers, Specie and Cargo, will leave this Port for MARESSE via Ports of Call, WITHOUT TRANSHIPMENT.	

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.	
Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon only on Monday, the 22nd February. Specie and Parcels received until 4 P.M. on the same day. No Cargo will be received on board on Tuesday.	

Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office. Contents and Value of Packages are required.	
For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.	

6. DR. CHAMPEAUX, Agent.	
Hongkong, 12th February, 1904.	

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Captain W. B. Palmer, R.N.R. carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this	
for Bombay, etc., on SATURDAY, the 27th FEBRUARY, at Noon, taking passengers and cargo for the above ports.	

Silk and Valuables, all cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Boma.	
Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.	

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.	
For further particulars, apply to	

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.	
Hongkong, 16th February, 1904.	

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAMES	FLAG	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON & ANTWERP.	KINTUCK.	Brit. str.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day.	
LONDON, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL.	CHURON.	Brit. str.	P. & O. S. N. CO.	27th inst., at Noon.	
LONDON & ANTWERP.	MOYUNE.	Brit. str.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	1st March.	
LONDON & ANTWERP.	GLENGYLE.	Brit. str.	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	5th March.	
LONDON & ANTWERP.	YARNA.	Brit. str.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	15th March.	
LONDON & ANTWERP.	PAR LIN.	Fren. str.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	29th March.	
MARSEILLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL.	SOLIER.	Solier.	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	23rd inst., at 1 P.M.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	SEYDLITZ.	Dewars.	MELCHERS & CO.	2nd Mar., at Noon.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	C. FRED. LAEISZ.	Sachs.	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	To-morrow.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	SITHONIA.	Hildebrandt.	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	2nd March.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	BAMBERG.	Ger. str.	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	17th March.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	SAMBA.	Ger. str.	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE		

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

The Sydney, with the French mail of 23rd January, left Singapore on Wednesday, the 17th inst., at 2 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 24th inst. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on 20th December.

Until further notice the transmission of correspondence via Dalny and the Trans-Siberian Railway is discontinued.

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TO-DAY.

Sale, Furniture and Gear, No. 10, Ice House Street, Mr. Geo. P. Lamerton, 2.30 p.m.
Meeting of the Hongkong Bill Association, Hongkong Hotel, 5.30 p.m.
Performance, Theatre Royal, City Hall, 9 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Ordinary half-yearly Meeting of Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, noon.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

18th February.

ON LONDON.— Telegraphic Transfer 1.11
Bank Bills, at demand 1.11
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 1.11
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 1.11
Circuits, at 4 months' sight 1.11
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight 1.11

ON PARIS.— Bank Bills, on demand 242
Credits, at 4 months' sight 246

ON GENEVA.— On demand 197

ON NEW YORK.— Bank Bills, on demand 463
Credits, 60 days' sight 473

ON BOMBAY.— Telegraphic Transfer 142
Bank, on demand 142

ON CALCUTTA.— Telegraphic Transfer 142
Bank, on demand 142

ON SHANGHAI.— Bank, at sight 714
Private, 30 days' sight 724

ON YOKOHAMA.— On demand 95

ON MANILA.— On demand Nominal

ON SINGAPORE.— On demand Nominal

ON BATAVIA.— On demand 1153

ON HAIKONG.— On demand 14 p.m.

ON SAIGON.— On demand 1 p.m.

ON BANGKOK.— On demand 63

SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate \$10.30

Gold Lira, 100 fine, per tael Nil.

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OPUM.

13th February. Quotations are— Allow 10% net, to 1 cent.

Malwa New 1.125 to \$945 per picul

Malwa Old 1.120 to \$990

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Malwa V. Old 1.1080 to \$1100

Persian fine quality 900 to —

Persian extra fine 910 to —

Patau New 1.1270 to — per chon.

Patau Old 1.1263 to —

Banaras Old — to —

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M.M. steamer Sydney left Singapore on the 17th inst., at 2 p.m., via Saigon.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The steamer Gregory Ayras, from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port on the 18th inst., a.m.

The Indo-Chin steamer Leisang left Calcutta for this port via the Straits on the 18th inst., and is due here on the 1st inst.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P.M. steamer Korea left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, &c., on the 2nd inst.

The O. & C. steamer Gauke left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, &c., on the 10th inst.

MERCHANT SHIPS.

The H.A.L. steamer Santio, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 12th inst., p.m., and may be expected here on the 19th inst.

The O.S.S. & C.M. steamer Keenan left Shanghai on the 15th inst., at noon, and is due here on the 19th inst.

The A.L. steamer Gisela left Shanghai for this port on the 16th inst.

The A.A. steamer Silesia left Singapore for the 9th inst., for Mauila, and is due here on the 20th inst.

The O.S.S. & C.M. steamer Agamemnon left Singapore on the 15th inst., and is due here on the 21st inst., at daylight.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, 18th February.

COMPANY PAID UP QUOTATIONS.

Banks Hongkong & Shai. \$125 \$63, sellers

Nat. Bank of Chin. A. Shares 28 \$33, buyers

B. Shares 21 \$33, buyers

Bull's Asbestos E. A. 21 \$1, sellers

Campbell, M. & Co. 10 \$40, nominal

China Electric Co. 12 \$1, buyers

Power Co. 10 \$0

China Prov. L. & M. 10 \$10, ex div. & sellers

China Sugar 100 \$100, 100, buyers

Cigar Companies 500 \$20, 100, buyers

A. L. & Co. 1 \$10, buyers

L. & Co. 1 \$10, buyers

Cotton Mills 100 \$10, 100, sellers

E. & Co. 76 \$10, 100, sellers

International 100 \$10, 100, sellers

Lau Kong Mow 100 \$10, 100, sellers